

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1428

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MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of pending bills for reimbursement of CGHS beneficiaries for medicines purchased from market;
- (b) whether the Hon`ble Delhi High Court has given any directives to the Centre in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total funds required to clear these pending bills; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to mitigate the suffering of CGHS beneficiaries in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Receipt of medical reimbursement bills under CGHS is an ongoing process. Bills amounting to Rs.54,93,433/- are under process for payment at present.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The Hon`ble Delhi High Court vide order dated 8.1.2003 in Civil Miscellaneous Petition No.43/2003 in Civil Writ Petition No.33/2003 filed by Pratap Chand Chaswal versus Union of India and others had inter-alia stated as under:-

`... In so far as the reimbursement process to the retirees beneficiaries are concerned, respondents will continue to take steps to have the said matter expedited by preparing the cheques and handing over the same to the respective dispensaries/hospitals...`

(d): The receipt of medical reimbursement bills of CGHS pensioner beneficiaries is an ongoing process and bills are still being received by the CGHS(HQ) from the beneficiaries/dispensaries. A proposal has also been moved for allocation of an additional amount of Rs.5.00 crore during the current financial year 2002-2003 for clearing the pending medical bills of the beneficiaries.

(e): The difficulties faced by the beneficiaries due to the strike by the authorised local chemists under CGHS Delhi with effect from 1.11.2002 were reduced after the Govt. issued orders on 16.1.2003 allowing all the Authorised Local Chemists under CGHS, Delhi to supply medicines as per the requirement of the CGHS dispensaries. Besides, arrangements were made for supply of medicines to the dispensaries through the Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC).